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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Media Terrorism

It is obvious from The Post's TV Week cover story by Michael Hill ["'Under Siege': Terrorism in D.C.," Feb. 9] and from the three-hour drama the article praised that the real terrorism threatening this nation is being conducted by the media—print and electronic.

In his article, Mr. Hill quotes the producer, Karen Danaher, as saying the film (shown on NBC Feb. 9) "was written with constant concern for responsibility."

How responsible is a film that depicts the president of the United States as a ruthless, compromising individual who would willingly consent

to the assassination of a man in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

How responsible is a film that depicts the Central Intelligence Agency as a gang of cutthroats who are really no better than the terrorists they claim to be fighting?

Constant concern for responsibility? Apparently, producer Danaher and those who helped her in this distorted, anti-U.S. docu-fiction aren't responsible enough to be able to differentiate between their friends and their enemies.

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